UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Mohr

DATE: March 4, 1964

FROM: C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: THOMAS GETTINGS BUCHANAN, JR.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

At 2:30 p.m., 3-3-64, Jerry O'Leary of the Washington Evening Star, who is very friendly, telephoned and talked to Wick. He said that one of the top officials of The Evening Star is in Paris and reported to officials in Washington that above-captioned is writing scurrilous stories about Lee Harvey Oswald in a Paris newspaper, L' Express. The articles primarily deal with the claim by Buchanan that Oswald was an informant of the FBI.

O'Leary said it is the belief of officials of the Star that this Buchanan is the same man who was fired by the Star in 1948 when he admitted he was a member of the Communist Party in Baltimore. O'Leary asked if he could be confidentially told whether this was the same man so that the Star official in Paris could be so informed.

ACTION TAKEN:

After checking, and reviewing files 100-354341 (which is an investigative file on the subject), it was determined that we are fully aware of subject's presence in Paris where he has resided since October, 1961, and has been employed in the electronics field for Le Materiel Telephonique. He also has written a couple of books and CIA advised that subject describes himself as "a famous American communist journalist." FBI Agents have interviewed subject on several occasions between 1952 and 1957. He has told us he resigned from CP membership prior to August, 1956, because of loss of interest. He has publicly admitted in 1948, after he was fired from the Star in Washington, that he was a member of the CP.

O'Leary was told that the man in Paris currently writing articles about Oswald is the same individual who was fired by the Star in March, 1948.

The above is for record purposes. 105-82555 - UNREC.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Jones

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O.K. also give to O'Leary the relationship of Oswald being in Tel. Ruby and being in Tel.

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Mohr

DATE: March 6, 1964

FROM: C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: THOMAS GETTINGS BUCHANAN, JR.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated 3-4-64 in captioned matter pointing out Buchanan had written in the Paris newspaper, L'Express, to the effect Lee Harvey Oswald was an informant of the FBI. Jerry O'Leary of the "Star" had stated Buchanan formerly worked for the "Star" and is now in Paris. The Director stated, "O.K. Also give to O'Leary the release re Oswald and Ruby not being in FBI." While, of course, we will follow meticulously the Director's instructions, it is believed the Director may desire that we give the same release to United Press International and Associated Press representatives here in Washington. In this way, we would achieve a greater dissemination of the release and thus set to rest throughout the Nation the rumor Oswald and Ruby were connected with the FBI.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Director permit us to simultaneously give the same release to United Press International, Associated Press and O'Leary of the "Star."

1 - Mr. Tolson
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Jones

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Cleared with Rosenthal 2:30 PM 3-7-64 lcl

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover today issued a public denial that Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and Jack L. Ruby, accused murderer of Oswald, ever served as confidential informants of the FBI.

Mr. Hoover said, "To set the record straight and to refute the misinformation which has been maliciously circulated, I want to state unequivocally that Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack L. Ruby were never FBI informants; that they were never employed by this Bureau in any capacity; nor did they ever render any services for--or receive any sums of money from--the FBI."

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